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AMERICAN LOBSTER FISHERY REGULATIONS

Dear Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you of new regulations in the Federal American lobster fishery. Some of these measures become effective on **JANUARY 5, 2000**, other measures become effective on May 1, 2000, and final maximum trap size restrictions become effective May 1, 2003. This action transfers federal legal authority for managing lobster fishing from the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) to the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act (ACFCMA). Many measures and prohibitions that existed under the Magnuson-Stevens Act are continued under the regulations being implemented under ACFCMA. In addition, a variety of new management measures are being implemented under ACFCMA. New measures include designation of lobster management areas, restrictions on fishing gear, and tagging requirements for lobster traps. In addition, these regulations establish an annual regulatory adjustment process for implementation of additional measures in consultation with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission). The intent of these regulations, in combination with state regulations governing the American lobster fishery in non-Federal waters, is to end overfishing, rebuild stocks of American lobsters, and make Federal American lobster management measures compatible with the Commission's American Lobster Interstate Fishery Management Plan (ISFMP).

A detailed summary of these measures and their respective effective dates is provided below. Please read this letter carefully to determine specifically when each of the new requirements becomes effective. This summary is intended to help you understand the regulations, but it has no legal force or effect. We encourage you to phone us with your questions and comments at **978-281-9278**.

CONTINUATION OF MEASURES IN PLACE

Many current management measures and prohibitions for Federal waters were promulgated under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and were codified at 50 CFR part 649. These management measures are now implemented under authority of the ACFCMA instead of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and are codified at 50 CFR part 697. These continued measures include the following:

LIMITED ACCESS PERMIT MORATORIUM -

There are currently approximately 3000 vessels with limited access permits to fish for lobster in Federal waters. This limited access system is continued. Persons may enter the fishery only by purchasing an existing vessel that already has a limited access permit and then contacting NMFS to request a permit transfer.

BERRIED OR SCRUBBED LOBSTERS -



The prohibition on the possession of lobsters bearing eggs or from which eggs have been removed by any means is continued.

LOBSTER MEAT, DETACHED TAILS, CLAWS, OTHER PARTS -

The prohibition on the possession of lobster meat and detached tails, claws, or other parts of lobster is continued.

V-NOTCHED FEMALE LOBSTERS -

The prohibition on the possession of V-notched lobsters is continued (female lobsters that have carried eggs and are marked with a V-shaped cut in the tail).

BIODEGRADABLE GHOST PANEL ON TRAPS -

The requirement to install a biodegradable "ghost" panel for traps is continued (to allow lobsters to exit from a lost trap).

MINIMUM CARAPACE SIZE -

The minimum carapace size of 3-1/4 inches (8.26 centimeters (cm)) is continued.

ESCAPE VENTS ON TRAPS -

The requirement to install escape vents on traps is continued.

HEAD, CHARTER, OR DIVE VESSEL POSSESSION LIMITS -

The prohibition on the possession at any time of more than six lobsters per person when aboard a head, charter, or commercial dive vessel is continued.

GEAR MARKING REQUIREMENTS -

The requirement that gear be marked in order to identify the permit holder is continued.

MINIMUM SIZE REQUIREMENT FOR LIVE LOBSTER TRADE -

The prohibition on the interstate or international trade of live whole lobsters smaller than the Federal minimum size is continued.

NON-TRAP LANDING LIMITS -

The landing limit of 100 lobsters (or parts thereof) per day, up to a maximum of 500 lobsters (or parts thereof) per trip of 5 or more days for fishermen using non-trap methods is continued. A vessel that takes lobster by a method other than traps, may not possess on board, deploy, fish with or haul back traps on a fishing trip in the EEZ.

ABANDONMENT OR VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT OF PERMITS -

If a vessel's limited access lobster permit is voluntarily surrendered to the Regional Administrator, or is abandoned by failing to renew it, a limited access permit for the American lobster fishery will not be reissued or renewed for the vessel in question.

RESTRICTION ON PERMIT SPLITTING -

A limited access American lobster permit may not be issued to a vessel or to its replacement, or remain valid if the vessel's permit or fishing history has been used to qualify another vessel for another Federal fishery.

AMERICAN LOBSTER FISHING YEAR -

The Federal American lobster fishing year which begins on May 1 and ends April 30 of the following year is continued.

NEW MEASURES

The following new measures, codified at 50 CFR part 697, are implemented to end overfishing, rebuild stocks of American lobsters, and make Federal American lobster management measures compatible with the Commission's American Lobster ISFMP. Note that some measures apply to all Federal permit holders while others apply only in specific areas.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5, 2000

LOBSTER MANAGEMENT AREAS -

In order to be compatible with the Commission's ISFMP Amendment 3, the boundaries of the lobster management areas specified by the Commission's Amendment 3 are adopted for Federal lobster management. See attached chart and coordinates for the area boundaries.

TRAP ESCAPE VENTS -

The minimum size requirements for a lobster trap escape vent is increased. Lobster trap gear must have a rectangular escape vent of at least 5-3/4 inches by 1-15/16 inches (14.6 cm by 4.92 cm), or two circular portals of at least 2-7/16 inches (6.19 cm) in diameter.

5 INCH MAXIMUM CARAPACE SIZE FOR MANAGEMENT AREA 1 -

Federal permit holders fishing in lobster Management Area 1 may not retain on board, land, or possess at or after landing, American lobster which exceed a 5-inch (12.7 cm) maximum carapace size. The carapace length of an American lobster is the straight line measurement from the rear of the eye socket parallel to the center line of the carapace to the posterior edge of the carapace (the unsegmented shell of the lobster).

PROHIBITION AGAINST SPEARING LOBSTER -

It is unlawful to spear any American lobster, or land or possess any American lobster which has been speared.

TRAP LIMITS -

Nearshore EEZ Areas. Between January 5, 2000 and April 30, 2000, Federal permit holders fishing in any Nearshore lobster Management Areas (Area 1, 2, 4, 5, 6*, the Outer Cape Lobster Management Area), and/or only the Area 2/3 Overlap, are limited to a maximum of 1000 traps. On May 1, 2000, this limit changes to 800 traps and fishers will be required to elect which management areas they will fish in. [NOTE*: Permit holders fishing ONLY in the Nearshore Management Area 6, which is entirely state waters of Long Island Sound, are not subject to Federal trap limit regulations, but are subject to state trap limit regulations.] (See summary of Measures Effective May 1, 2000)

Off-shore EEZ Area. Between January 5, 2000 and April 30, 2000, Federal permit holders fishing in lobster Management Area 3, or only Area 3 and the Area 2/3 Overlap, are limited to no more than 2000 traps in 1999. On May 1, 2000, this limit changes to 1800 traps and fishers will be required to elect which management areas they will fish in. (See summary of Measures Effective May 1, 2000)

Most restrictive management measures apply. A vessel on a fishing trip and fishing or setting trap gear in more than one lobster Management Area must abide by the most restrictive management measures in effect for any one of the lobster Management Areas the vessel is fishing in or setting trap gear in.

EXAMPLE. A vessel setting trap gear in the Nearshore lobster Management Area 1 AND the Offshore lobster Management Area 3 will be restricted to the Nearshore trap limit, Nearshore maximum trap size, the 5-inch (12.7 cm) maximum carapace size (in effect for Area 1), and other existing lobster management regulations in effect for all permit holders. On May 1, 2000, fishers will be required to elect which management areas they will fish in, and fishers must abide by the most restrictive management measures in effect for any one of the lobster Management Areas the vessel fishes in or elects to fish in. (See summary of Measures Effective May 1, 2000)

MAXIMUM TRAP SIZE -

Nearshore EEZ Areas. To allow Federal permit holders fishing in any Nearshore lobster Management Area a phase-in period to replace traps currently being fished that are larger than those identified in the Commission's ISFMP Amendment 3 (which is 22,950 cubic inches (376,081 cubic cm)), a two-step process restricting the size of traps fished in any Nearshore Area is implemented.

Step one - effective until April 30, 2003, vessels cannot possess or deploy traps in any Nearshore lobster Management Area (Area 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, the Outer Cape Lobster Management Area), and/or only in the Area 2/3 Overlap larger than 25,245 cubic inches (413,690 cubic cm) in volume as measured on the outside portion of the trap, exclusive of runners. This trap size is 10% larger than the maximum lobster trap size identified in the Commission's ISFMP Amendment 3.

Step two - effective May 1, 2003, vessels cannot possess or deploy traps, or elect to fish traps in any Nearshore lobster Management Area larger than 22,950 cubic inches (376,081 cubic cm) in volume as measured on the outside portion of the trap, exclusive of runners. This is the same maximum lobster trap size identified in the Commission's ISFMP Amendment 3.

Offshore EEZ Area. To allow Federal permit holders a phase-in period to replace traps currently being fished that are larger than those identified in the Commission's ISFMP Amendment 3 (which is 30,100 cubic inches (493,249 cubic cm)), a two-step process restricting the size of traps fished only in Area 3, or only in Area 3 and the Area 2/3 Overlap is implemented.

Step one - effective until April 30, 2003, vessels fishing with traps only in lobster Management Area 3 or only in Area 3 and the Area 2/3 Overlap cannot possess or deploy a trap larger than 33,110 cubic inches (542,573 cubic cm) in volume as measured on the outside portion of the trap, exclusive of runners. This trap size is 10% larger than the maximum lobster trap size identified in the Commission's ISFMP Amendment 3.

Step two - effective May 1, 2003, vessels fishing with traps only in, or electing to fish with traps only in Area 3 or only in Area 3 and the Area 2/3 Overlap, cannot possess or deploy a trap larger than 30,100 cubic inches (493,249 cubic cm) in volume as measured on the outside portion of the trap, exclusive of runners. This is the same maximum lobster trap size identified in the Commission's ISFMP Amendment 3.

Most restrictive maximum trap size applies. Federal permit holders who elect to fish in lobster Management Area 3 and any Nearshore lobster Management Area (Area 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and/or the Outer Cape Lobster Management Area), except the Area 2/3 Overlap, are prohibited from setting traps that are larger than the Nearshore maximum size limit.

**TABLE SUMMARY OF AMERICAN LOBSTER MANAGEMENT MEASURES
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5, 2000.**

ALL MANAGEMENT AREAS	EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5, 2000
Nearshore Management Area 1 and/or Nearshore Management Area 2 and/or Nearshore Management Area 3 and/or Nearshore Management Area 4 and/or Nearshore Management Area 5 and/or Nearshore Management Area 6 and/or Outer Cape Management Area, and/or the Area 2/Area 3 Overlap	ESCAPE VENT: Lobster trap gear must have a rectangular escape vent of at least 5-3/4 inches by 1-15/16 inches (14.6 cm by 4.92 cm), or two circular portals of at least 2-7/16 inches (6.19 cm) in diameter.

NEARSHORE MANAGEMENT AREA 1	EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5, 2000
Vessels are prohibited from retaining lobsters with a carapace greater than 5 inches (12.7 cm)	

ALL NEARSHORE MANAGEMENT AREAS	AREA MEASURES-EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5, 2000
Nearshore Management Area 1 and/or Nearshore Management Area 2 and/or Nearshore Management Area 4 and/or Nearshore Management Area 5 and/or Nearshore Management Area 6* and/or Outer Cape Management Area, and/or Only the Area 2/Area 3 Overlap	TRAP LIMIT*: A maximum of 1000 pots or traps in the 1999 Fishing Year - through April 30, 2000. MAXIMUM TRAP SIZE: A maximum trap size of 25,245 cubic inches (413,690 cubic cm).

NOTE*: Permit holders fishing ONLY in the Nearshore Management Area 6, which is entirely state waters of Long Island Sound, are not subject to Federal trap limit regulations, but are subject to state trap limit regulations.

OFFSHORE MANAGEMENT AREA	AREA MEASURES-EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5, 2000
Offshore Management Area 3 only, Or Offshore Management Area 3, and Only the Area 2/Area 3 Overlap	TRAP LIMIT: A maximum of 2000 pots or traps in the 1999 Fishing Year - through April 30, 2000. MAXIMUM TRAP SIZE: A maximum trap size of 33,100 cubic inches (542,573 cubic cm).

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2000

ELECTION OF LOBSTER MANAGEMENT AREAS -

Beginning with applications for Federal lobster permits to be issued for the 2000 fishing year, owners of vessels that harvest American lobsters with traps are required to inform NMFS each year of the lobster management area(s) they will set trap gear in and may only fish for lobsters with traps in those areas. Vessels issued a limited access American lobster permit and fishing with traps in any of the lobster conservation management areas must have on board the vessel a management area designation certificate or valid limited access American lobster permit specifying the management area(s) the vessel will fish in.

Permit holder notification. Prior to fishing year 2000, a letter will be sent to all eligible Federal limited access American lobster permit holders, informing them of the lobster Management Area requirement and provide instructions for electing the management area(s) the vessel will fish in.

Management Area elections are valid for the entire fishing year. Once a vessel has been issued a lobster management area designation certificate or limited access American lobster permit specifying the lobster Management Area(s) in which the vessel may fish, no changes to the lobster Management Area(s) specified may be made for the vessel for the remainder of the fishing year unless the vessel becomes a replacement vessel for another qualified vessel.

Most restrictive management measures apply. A vessel issued a lobster management area designation certificate or limited access American lobster permit specifying more than one lobster Management Area must abide by the most restrictive management measures in effect for any one of the specified areas, regardless of the area being fished, for the entire fishing year.

TRAP LIMITS -

Nearshore EEZ Areas. Federal permit holders fishing in, or electing to fish in any Nearshore lobster Management Areas (Area 1, 2, 4, 5, 6*, the Outer Cape Lobster Management Area), and/or only the Area 2/3 Overlap, are limited to a maximum of 800 traps in fishing year 2000. [NOTE*: Permit holders fishing ONLY in, or electing to fish ONLY in the Nearshore Management Area 6, which is entirely state waters of Long Island Sound, are not subject to Federal trap limit regulations, but are subject to state trap limit regulations.]

Off-shore EEZ Area. Federal permit holders fishing in, or electing to fish in lobster Management Area 3, or only Area 3 and the Area 2/3 overlap, are limited to no more than 1800 traps in fishing year 2000.

Most Restrictive measures apply. Federal permit holders who fish or elect to fish in lobster Management Area 3 and any of the Nearshore lobster Management areas (Area 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and/or the Outer Cape Lobster Management Area) except the Area 2/3 Overlap, are restricted to the maximum number of traps allowed for the most restrictive Nearshore lobster Management Area the permit holder elects to fish in.

EXAMPLE. A Federal permit holder who fishes in or elects to fish in the Nearshore lobster Management Area 1 AND the Offshore lobster Management Area 3 will be restricted to the Nearshore trap limit, Nearshore maximum trap size, the 5-inch (12.7 cm) maximum carapace size (in effect only for fishers who fish in or elect to fish in Area 1), and other existing lobster management regulations in effect for all Federal lobster limited access permit holders.

TRAP TAG ALLOCATIONS -

Each trap set by a Federal permit holder must have a trap tag attached to the trap bridge or central cross-member. Lobster fishermen are required to purchase tags from NMFS or a NMFS-authorized distributor.

Permit holder notification. Prior to fishing year 2000, a permit holder letter will be sent to all eligible Federal limited access American lobster vessels informing them of the trap tag requirement and provide instructions for ordering trap tags.

Loss tag Replacement. Each permit holder will be allowed to purchase tags, up to the maximum number of traps allowed in lobster management area(s), plus 10 percent to cover in-season loss. Those persons fishing in nearshore areas will be allowed to purchase up to 880 tags in fishing year 2000. Those persons fishing only in Area 3 or only in Area 3 and the Area 2/3 Overlap will be allowed to purchase up to 1980 tags in fishing year 2000. Requests for

replacement tags in excess of 10% must be submitted in writing and will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Trap tags valid for one year. Tags will only be valid for one year and must be replaced each year. Tags may not be sold, transferred or given away. The requirement to affix a lobster trap tag to each trap begins May 1, 2000.

State/Federal coordination. NMFS may consider alternative tagging programs with cooperating states through appropriate formal agreements to allow American lobster permit holders to use trap tags issued by those agencies to fish for lobster in the EEZ in lieu of trap tags issued by NMFS. NMFS will provide notice, as appropriate, to American lobster permit holders concerning procedures for procuring trap tags.

**TABLE SUMMARY OF AMERICAN LOBSTER MANAGEMENT MEASURES
EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2000.**

ALL MANAGEMENT AREAS	ALL AREAS - EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2000
Nearshore Management Area 1 and/or Nearshore Management Area 2 and/or Nearshore Management Area 3 and/or Nearshore Management Area 4 and/or Nearshore Management Area 5 and/or Nearshore Management Area 6 and/or Outer Cape Management Area, and/or the Area 2/Area 3 Overlap	AREA DESIGNATION: Owners of vessels that elect to harvest American lobsters with traps are required to inform NMFS each year of the lobster Management Area(s) they will set trap gear in, and may only fish with lobster traps in those areas(s). TRAP TAG REQUIREMENT: Each trap set by a Federal permit holder must have a trap tag attached to the trap bridge or central cross-member.

ALL NEARSHORE MANAGEMENT AREAS	AREA MEASURES-EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2000
Nearshore Management Area 1 and/or Nearshore Management Area 2 and/or Nearshore Management Area 4 and/or Nearshore Management Area 5 and/or Nearshore Management Area 6* and/or Outer Cape Management Area, and/or Only the Area 2/Area 3 Overlap	TRAP LIMIT*: A maximum of 800 pots or traps in Fishing Year 2000.

NOTE*: Permit holders fishing ONLY in, or electing to fish ONLY in the Nearshore Management Area 6, which is entirely state waters of Long Island Sound, are not subject to Federal trap limit regulations, but are subject to state trap limit regulations.

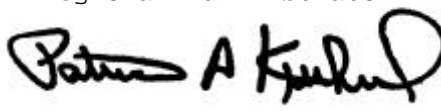
OFFSHORE MANAGEMENT AREA	AREA MEASURES-EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2000
Offshore Management Area 3 only, Or Offshore Management Area 3, and Only the Area 2/Area 3 Overlap	TRAP LIMIT: A maximum of 1800 pots or traps in Fishing Year 2000.

This letter is only a summary of the regulations and has no legal force or effect. To read these regulations in their entirety, you are encouraged to obtain a complete copy of the regulations by calling 978-281-9278, or by accessing the Northeast Regional Office's website at:
<http://www.nero.nmfs.gov/ro/doc/nero.html>.

We encourage you to phone us with your questions and comments at 978-281-9278.

Sincerely,

Regional Administrator



FEDERAL LOBSTER MANAGEMENT AREA LATITUDE/LONGITUDE COORDINATES

The following lobster management areas are established for purposes of implementing the management measures specified in the Code of Federal Regulations §697. Follow listed coordinates down and then across in the order stated. Current Federal lobster management measures can be found at the following NMFS Northeast Region website: <http://www.nero.nmfs.gov/ro/doc/nero.html>

Nearshore Lobster Management Area 1.

Nearshore Lobster Management Area 1 is defined by the area, including state and Federal waters that are nearshore in the Gulf of Maine, bounded by straight lines connecting the following points, in the order stated, and the coastline of Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts to the northernmost point on Cape Cod:

Point	Latitude	Longitude	Point	Latitude	Longitude
A	43°58' N.	67°22' W.	G42°05.5' N.	70°14' W.	
B	43°41' N.	68°00' W.	G142°04.25' N.	70°17.22' W.	
C	43°12' N.	69°00' W.	G242°02.84' N.	70°16.1' W.	
D	42°49' N.	69°40' W.	G342°03.35' N.	70°14.2' W.	
E	42°15.5' N.	69°40' W.			

From point "G3" along the coastline of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, and the seaward EEZ boundary back to point A.

Nearshore Lobster Management Area 2.

Nearshore Lobster Management Area 2 is defined by the area, including state and Federal waters that are nearshore in Southern New England, bounded by straight lines connecting the following points, in the order stated:

Point	Latitude	Longitude	Point	Latitude	Longitude
H	41°40' N.	70°00' W.	N40°45.5' N.	71°34' W.	
I	41°15' N.	70°00' W.	O41°07' N.	71°43' W.	
J	41°21.5' N.	69°16' W.	P41°06.5' N.	71°47' W.	
K	41°10' N.	69°06.5' W.	Q41°11'30" N.	71°47'15" W.	
L	40°55' N.	68°54' W.	R41°18'30" N.	71°54'30" W.	
M	40°27.5' N.	72°14' W.			

From point "R" along the maritime boundary between Connecticut and Rhode Island to the coastal Connecticut/Rhode Island boundary and then back to point "H" along the Rhode Island and Massachusetts coast.

Area 2/3 Overlap.

The Area 2/3 Overlap is defined by the area, comprised entirely of Federal waters, bounded by straight lines connecting the following points, in the order stated:

Point	Latitude	Longitude	Point	Latitude	Longitude
K	41°10' N.	69°06.5' W.	M40°27.5' N.	72°14' W.	
L	40°55' N.	68°54' W.	N40°45.5' N.	71°34' W.	

Offshore Management Area 3.

Offshore Management Area 3 is defined by the area, comprised entirely of Federal waters, bounded by straight lines connecting the following points, in the order stated:

Point	Latitude	Longitude	Point	Latitude	Longitude
A	43°58' N.	67°22' W.	U40°12.5' N.	72°48.5' W.	
B	43°41' N.	68°00' W.	V39°50' N.	73°01' W.	
C	43°12' N.	69°00' W.	X38°39.5' N.	73°40' W.	
D	42°49' N.	69°40' W.	Y38°12' N.	73°55' W.	
E	42°15.5' N.	69°40' W.	Z37°12' N.	74°44' W.	
F	42°10' N.	69°56' W.	ZA35°34' N.	74°51' W.	
K	41°10' N.	69°06.5' W.	ZB35°14.5' N.	75°31' W.	

N 40°45.5' N. 71°34' W. ZC35°14.5' N. 71°24' W.

M 40°27.5' N. 72°14' W.

From point "ZC" along the seaward EEZ boundary to point "A".

Nearshore Lobster Management Area 4.

Nearshore Lobster Management Area 4 is defined by the area, including state and Federal waters that are nearshore in the northern Mid-Atlantic, bounded by straight lines connecting the following points, in the order stated:

<u>Point</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>	<u>Point</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
M	40°27.5' N.	72°14' W.	P	41°06.5' N.	71°47' W.
N	40°45.5' N.	71°34' W.	S	40°58' N.	72°00' W.
O	41°07' N.	71°43' W.	T	41°00.5' N.	72°00' W.

From Point "T", along the New York/New Jersey coast to Point "W"

W 39°50' N. 74°09' W.

V 39°50' N. 73°01' W.

U 40°12.5' N. 72°48.5' W.

From Point "U" back to Point "M".

Nearshore Lobster Management Area 5.

Nearshore Lobster Management Area 5 is defined by the area, including state and Federal waters that are nearshore in the southern Mid-Atlantic, bounded by straight lines connecting the following points, in the order stated:

<u>Point</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>	<u>Point</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
W	39°50' N.	74°09' W.	Z	37°12' N.	74°44' W.
V	39°50' N.	73°01' W.	ZA	35°34' N.	74°51' W.
X	38°39.5' N.	73°40' W.	ZB	35°14.5' N.	75°31' W.
Y	38°12' N.	73°55' W.			

From Point "ZB" along the coasts of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey back to Point "W".

Nearshore Lobster Management Area 6.

The Nearshore Lobster Management Area 6 is defined by the area, including New York and Connecticut state waters, bounded by straight lines connecting the following points, in the order stated:

<u>Point</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
T	41°00.5' N.	72°00' W.
S	40°58' N.	72°00' W.

From Point "S", boundary follows the 3 mile limit of New York as it curves around Montauk Point to Point "P"

P 41°06.5' N. 71°47' W.

Q 41°11'30" N. 71°47'15" W.

R 41°18'30" N. 71°54'30" W.

From point "R", along the maritime boundary between Connecticut and Rhode Island to the coast; then west along the coast of Connecticut to the western entrance of Long Island Sound; then east along the New York coast of Long Island Sound and back to Point "T".

Nearshore Outer Cape Lobster Management Area.

Nearshore Outer Cape Lobster Management Area is defined by the area, including state and Federal waters off Cape Cod, bounded by straight lines connecting the following points, in the order stated:

<u>Point</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>	<u>Point</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
F	42°10' N.	69°56' W.	G	42°02.84' N.	70°16.1' W.
G	42°05.5' N.	70°14' W.	G1	42°03.35' N.	70°14.2' W.
G1	42°04.25' N.	70°17.22' W.			

From Point G3 along the outer Cape Cod coast to Point H

H 41°40' N.

70°00' W.

I 41°15' N.

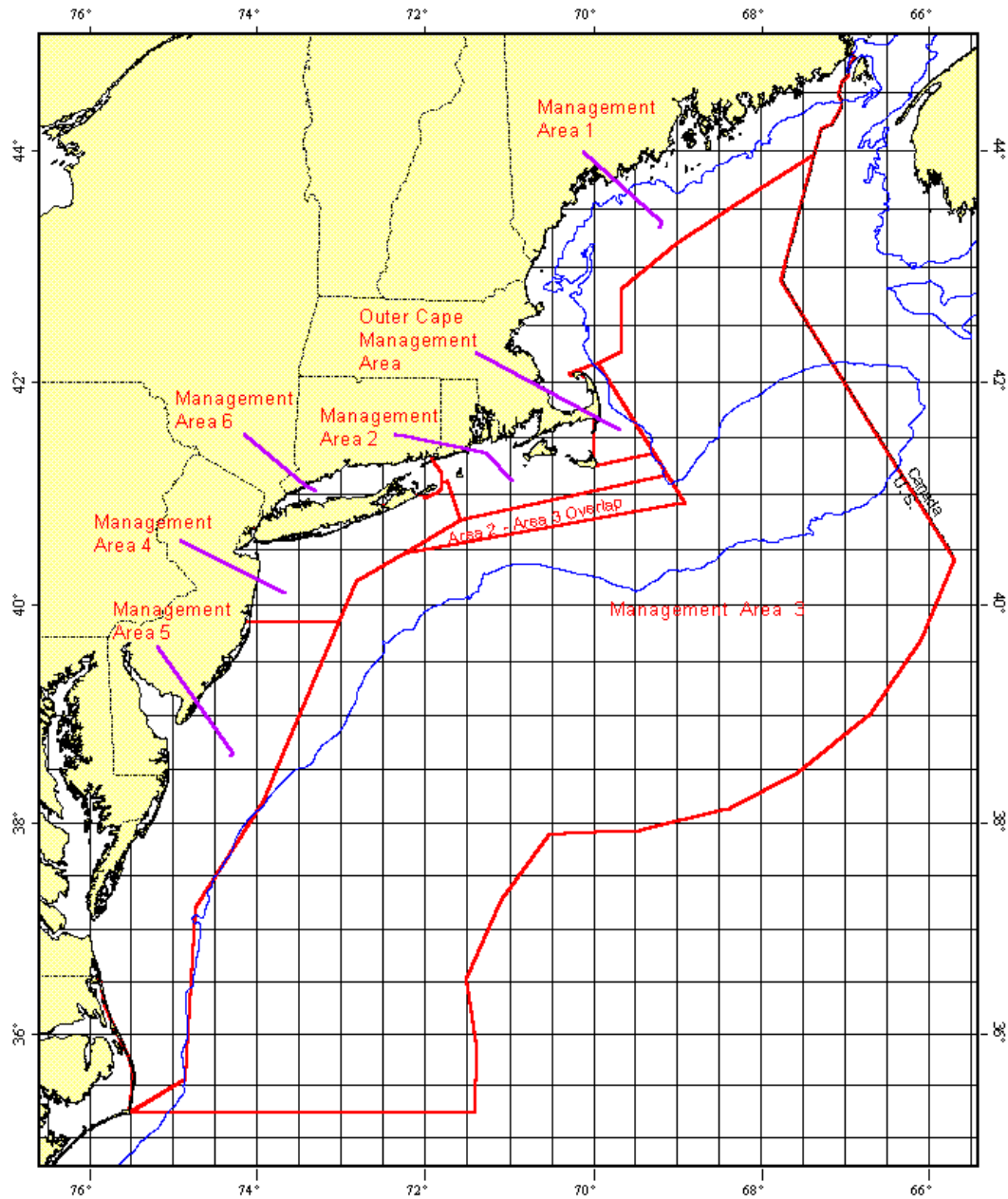
70°00' W.

J 41°21.5' N.

69°16' W.

From Point "J" back to Point "F".

American Lobster Management Areas



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